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APPLICANTS : Anderson & Schoenherr
SERIAL NUMBER : Continuation of 08/894,997
FOR : ANTIBODIES THAT BIND NEURON RESTRICTIVE SILENCER FACTOR
PROTEINS (as amended herein)

June 1, 2001
Boston, Massachusetts

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

In the Title:

Please replace the title with the following:

ANTIBODIES THAT BIND NEURON RESTRICTIVE SILENCER FACTOR PROTEINS

In the Specification:

At page 1, please insert the following before the section entitled "Field of the Invention":

Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/894,997, filed January 16, 1998, which is §371 of PCT/US96/02817, filed March 1, 1996, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/398,590, filed March 3, 1995, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1-15 and replace the pending claims with the following.

16. An antibody which specifically binds to a neuron-restrictive silencer factor (NRSF).
17. An antibody according to claim 16 which specifically binds to a protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 6 (SEQ ID NO:40) or Figure 12 (SEQ ID NO:50).

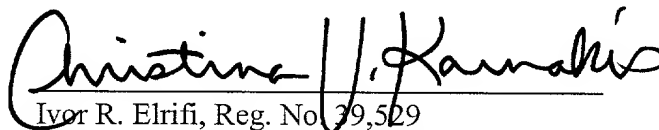
REMARKS

The instant amendment amends the title of the instant application to reflect the nature of the claims as amended. Applicants have also amended the specification to insert the related application information. Finally, Applicants have deleted claims 1-15, without prejudice or disclaimer, since the subject matter of these claims is being prosecuted in other, related applications.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact either of the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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- 1-15. (Cancelled)
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